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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: SIXTH JCM: JWG REPORT ON
FORESTRY (01.04)

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT TO SCST FOLLOWING US DRAFT JOINT
REPORT OF FORESTRY WORKING GROUP TO SIXTH JCM.
2. REPORT TO THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT US-USSR
COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BY
THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON FORESTRY

I. ESTABLISHMENT

THE JOINT WORKING GROUP IN THE FIELD OF FORESTRY FIRST
MET IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

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II. AGREED PROJECTS

AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP IN
OCTOBER 1974 IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE BASIC DIRECTIONS
AND THE FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FORESTRY WERE ESTABLISHED.

1) EFFECTIVE METHODS AND MEANS OF DETECTION, PREVENTION,
AND CONTROL OF FOREST FIRES;

2) INTEGRATED CONTROL OF FOREST INSECTS AND DISEASES;

3) CLASSIFICATION OF FOREST BIOGEOCENOSES AND THE
DETERMINATION OF THEIR PRODUCTIVITY;

4) DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES OF
FOREST HARVESTING;

5) REFORESTATION AND PLANTING OF GREEN SHELTER BELTS.

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS (SINCE JULY 1977)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FORESTRY DURING
THE REPORTING PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE APPROVED WORK PLAN FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1979 IS BEING CARRIED OUT
BY BOTH THE U.S. SIDE AND THE SOVIET SIDE.

2) THE SOVIET SIDE AND THE U.S. SIDE EXCHANGED SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON ALL FIVE FORESTRY TOPICS.

3) EXPERTS IN THE FIVE FORESTRY DISCIPLINES HAVE BEEN
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CHOSEN BY BOTH THE SOVIET SIDE AND THE U.S. SIDE. THE
SCIENTISTS, THROUGH EXCHANGE VISITS AND CORRESPONDENCE,
ARE PROVIDING EACH OTHER WITH THE LATEST RESEARCH
DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

4) THE EXCHANGE VISITS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND EXCHANGE OF
TECHNICAL DATA HAVE BENEFITED BOTH SIDES.

5) DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN LABORATORIES OF THE U.S. AND THE
U.S.S.R. -

TOPIC I - 01.0401 - FIRE

THERE HAS BEEN NO EXCHANGE OF FIRE SCIENTISTS DURING THIS
REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
PUBLICATIONS.

TOPIC II - 01.0402 - INSECTS AND DISEASES

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE SOVIET SIDE FOR A U.S.

TEAM OF THREE ENTOMOLOGY SPECIALISTS TO VISIT

LABORATORIES IN THE SOVIET UNION FROM MAY 7 THROUGH JUNE 4, 1978, ON MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF FOREST INSECTS.

TOPIC III - 01.0403 - BIOGEOCENOSIS

NO EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS IN THIS DISCIPLINE WAS MADE DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BY THE SCIENTISTS WAS CARRIED OUT AND SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS WERE EXCHANGED.

TOPIC IV - 01.0404 - HARVESTING
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AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT US/USSR WORKING GROUP ON FORESTRY, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE U.S. SIDE WOULD ARRANGE FOR TWO HARVESTING SPECIALISTS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE FALL OF 1978. THE ITINERARY AND THE DATE HAVE BEEN AGREED.

TOPIC V - 01.0405 - REFORESTATION

DURING AUGUST 1977, A TWO-MAN SOVIET TEAM VISITED THE UNITED STATES TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS FOREST GENETICS, REFORESTATION, AND THE EXCHANGE OF FOREST TREE SEED. AN AGREEMENT WAS PREPARED AND APPROVED BY BOTH SIDES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF FOREST TREE SEED. A VARIETY OF TREE SEED HAS BEEN EXCHANGED BY BOTH SIDES.

IN ADDITION TO THE SEED EXCHANGE PROGRAM, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS ON FORESTATION AND REFORESTATION HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED.

IV. SUMMARY

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTACT CONTINUES TO BE THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS. THE EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE HAS PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE WORKING LEVEL SCIENTISTS ARE BEING INVOLVED AND THUS MORE USEFUL DATA IS BEING EXCHANGED IN THE FORESTRY TOPIC AREAS. A CLEAR ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE NEGLECTED AREA OF HARVESTING AND PLANS ARE EVOLVING FOR AN EXCHANGE IN THIS AREA.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 1) CONTINUE THE PROGRAM IN ALL FIVE TOPIC AREAS.
- 2) CONTINUE TO INVOLVE WORKING SCIENTISTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SO THAT USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE EXCHANGED.
- 3) WORKING LEVEL SCIENTISTS SHOULD BE EXCHANGED FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME (2-3 MONTHS) IN ORDER TO CONDUCT JOINT PROGRAMS AND PRODUCE JOINT RESULTS.
- 4) NEW AREAS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE EXPLORED AND AREAS THAT ARE NO LONGER PROMISING SHOULD BE TERMINATED. VANCE

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